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1. About 9:30 a.m. on 6 March 1952, two jet bombers approached Finow airfield at a high altitude. There was sunny weather. When the jet bombers appeared a jet fighter immediately took off from the field and pursued the two planes. Six other MIG-15s took off within 35 minutes. \* During the day, there were intensive training flights by type-29s and MIG-15s, which made flights of 15 to 25 minutes.

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- \* Comment. The aircraft possibly practiced pursuit tactics which would indicate that the two new fighter regiments at Finow airfield had reached an advance status of training. The regiments have not been brought up to their authorized strength. They are equipped with a total of at least 30 aircraft. Jet fighter crates have been recently observed at the field.

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- a. The dimensions of the fuselage, wings and rudder assemblies are apparently the same as on the Mig-15.

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- b. The cockpit is longer and the rear pilot, the instructor, is seated higher than the trainee in front of him because of the larger cockpit the body tank of the type-29 plane has to be smaller than that of the MIG-15.
- c. There are two models of the type-29 plane. One model is fitted with weapons, and the other one is without weapons. The housing of the starboard weapon of the type-29 plane is smaller and tapers smoothly into the fuselage, compared to the bulky housing visible on all MIG-15s. This can be probably explained by the fact that at this point the MIG-15 has space for additional ammunition drums. [REDACTED]

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